

# Department of Homeland Security IAIP Directorate Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 24 May 2005



#### **Daily Highlights**

- The Associated Press reports the government has revoked the license of the Pennsylvania pilot in charge of the small plane that strayed to within three miles of the White House on May 11, forcing the evacuation of thousands of people. (See item 9)
- The Illinois Government News Network reports the state is developing a computer—tracking program that features geographic information systems to help officials respond more quickly in the event of an agroterrorist attack. (See item 12)
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**Information** 

## **Energy Sector**

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: <u>Physical</u>: Elevated, <u>Cyber</u>: Elevated Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <a href="http://esisac.com">http://esisac.com</a>]

1. May 23, ComputerWorld — Utility cyber security plan debated. A set of cyber security standards proposed by the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) are too detailed in some instances, attendees at an industry conference in Chicago said recently. Users at the Platts Cyber Security for Utilities conference said that if the proposal is adopted, it could lead to regional differences in interpretation and extra compliance work for information security

managers at electric utilities. NERC's proposed cyber security standards, known as CIP-002 through CIP-009, cover areas ranging from the security of critical cyber assets to personnel screening and training requirements. Charles Noble, a member of the NERC drafting committee, said the biggest weakness of the proposal is that it's too prescriptive in certain areas, like records management, where it spells out the number of years that specific types of records must be maintained. However, a key strength of the proposal is that it's being driven by utilities and not by the federal government, said James Sample, manager of information security services at California Independent System Operator Corp. With utility-driven standards, "we can control our own destiny," Sample said.

Platts Cyber Security for Utilities: <a href="http://www.platts.com/Events/PB520/">http://www.platts.com/Events/PB520/</a>

NERC Proposed Cyber Security Standards:

http://www.nerc.com/~filez/standards/Cyber-Security-Permanen t.html

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/story/0\_,10801,101906,00.html

2. May 23, PJM Interconnection — Reliability organization expects adequate power supplies this summer. PJM Interconnection expects to have sufficient generating capacity to meet consumers' forecasted peak usage this summer. PJM manages the electricity grid in all or parts of 13 states and the District of Columbia — from Illinois to New Jersey and from Pennsylvania to North Carolina. PJM's forecasted 2005 summer peak usage is 131,330 megawatts of electricity. PJM expects to have 165,640 megawatts of generating capacity on line. The generation capacity available beyond the forecasted peak provides a reserve margin of 26 percent. Reserve margin provides a cushion of generating capacity to meet unexpected high usage levels or equipment problems. The forecasted summer peak includes the estimated effects of 1,653 megawatts of interruptible demand and load management programs. Customers in these programs receive either a special rate or payments for stopping or reducing their use of electricity when requested by PJM in order to reduce demand on the grid. The forecast assumes normal summer weather conditions. It is a standard "50–50" forecast, meaning there is a 50 percent chance that actual peak summer usage will be higher than the forecast and a 50 percent chance that it will be lower.

Source: <a href="http://www.pjm.com/contributions/news-releases/2005/20050523">http://www.pjm.com/contributions/news-releases/2005/20050523</a> <a href="mailto-summer-assessment.pdf">-summer-assessment.pdf</a>

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## **Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector**

Nothing to report.

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### **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report.

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# **Banking and Finance Sector**

3. May 23, Reuters — Theft of MCI worker data reported. A laptop computer containing the names and Social Security numbers of about 16,500 current and former employees of MCI Inc. was stolen last month, The Wall Street Journal reported Monday, May 23. The computer was stolen from a car that was parked in the garage at the home of an MCI financial analyst in Colorado. An MCI spokesperson said that the laptop was password protected but declined to say whether the employee information was encrypted or whether the employee who was robbed was authorized to carry such information on a laptop. The long—distance carrier said there was no indication so far that any information had been sold or used for identity theft. The company also said it notified local law—enforcement immediately and had sent letters to all the people whose information was on the stolen computer.

Source: http://money.cnn.com/2005/05/23/technology/mci\_theft.reut/in\_dex.htm?section=money\_latest

4. May 22, Associated Press — Identity theft risk at Georgia college. A computer identity breach at Valdosta State University, located in Valdosta, GA, has affected up to 40,000 people who could have had their Social Security numbers accessed by a computer hacker last week. The computer server contained information on VSU 1Cards, which are combination identification and debit cards that could be used to buy food or books on campus or check out library materials. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation has the hard drive from the computer server and is investigating, said school spokesperson Joe Newton.

Source: http://news.mywebpal.com/partners/680/public/news633984.html

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# **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

- 5. May 23, USA TODAY Airports strive to cut wait times. For the first six months of last year, John Wayne Airport in Orange County, CA, was a traveler's nightmare. Security lines were so backed up that on 281 separate occasions, passengers waited for at least 40 minutes before reaching the metal detectors, government records show. Waits of an hour or more were recorded 44 times. Then, in late June, the airport added eight security lanes at a cost of \$4.5 million. The new lanes doubled the number of checkpoints, and the long lines virtually ceased. With additional security agents working, although travel during the first two months of 2005 is up about 6% compared with the first two months of last year, the number of extreme security backups those with 40—minute—or—more waits has fallen dramatically. The Transportation Security Administration has concerns about long lines. Earlier this year, the agency told the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, that large crowds in airport lobbies are "a potential target for terrorists."
  - Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2005-05-22-wait-side x.h tm
- **6.** May 23, Washington Post U.S. border security at a crossroads. After the terror attacks on September 11, 2001, Congress demanded changes in border controls and tight deadlines for building a computer network that would screen foreign visitors as they seek to enter or leave the country by scanning their fingerprints and matching them against databases of suspected terrorists. To meet that goal, the Department of Homeland Security last year awarded one of the most ambitious technology contracts in the war on terror. However, documents and interviews with people familiar with the program, called US-VISIT, show that government officials are

betting on speculative technology while neglecting basic procedures to ensure that there is full value from government contractors. Although the government has already spent or budgeted about \$1 billion for the US-VISIT program, the new system is being built on top of aging computer databases and software that government scientists concluded two years ago are out of date, poorly coordinated and ineffective. Among them is a fingerprint system that does not use the government's state-of-the-art biometric standard. The technology problems reduce the effectiveness of US-VISIT, according to audits and government documents. At this time, only a small fraction of foreign visitors is fully screened by the existing system.

Source: <a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/05/22/AR2005052200613.html?sub=AR">http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/05/05/22/AR2005052200613.html?sub=AR</a>

7. May 23, Associated Press — US Airways, AmWest merger likely to keep capacity up, prices down. In an industry with a glut of seats, the proposed new airline from a merged US Airways and America West is expected to keep its fares lows and offer travelers a range of new destinations. Consumers are likely to benefit from the combination, analysts say, even if the business model remains a work in progress. The merger of the nation's seventh and eighth largest carriers also expects to offer customers access to the Star Alliance, a global consortium of 16 airlines that includes US Airways, UAL Corp.'s United Airlines, Germany's Lufthansa and Air Canada, whose parent company has agreed to invest \$75 million in the new airline. Such alliances are designed to allow mileage earning and accrual on all member airlines, letting them lure and retain customers for worldwide service. Both struggling carriers say their goal is to create an airline designed to better compete with lower—cost rivals, such as Southwest Airlines Inc., and JetBlue Airways Corp. Backed with \$1.5 billion in new capital from a variety of investors, the combined airline will be the nation's No. 6 airline in terms of passenger miles. It will fly under the US Airways name.

Source: <a href="http://kvoa.com/Global/story.asp?S=3379255">http://kvoa.com/Global/story.asp?S=3379255</a>

**8.** *May 23, Montgomery Advertiser (AL)* — **Governor signs port appropriation.** Alabama Governor Bob Riley traveled to the Alabama State Docks, near Mobile, on Monday, May 23, and signed into law an \$80 million appropriation to help build a container port expected to generate more than 1,000 jobs. The \$80 million appropriation will partially fund an estimated \$300 million in construction costs for the port's new container and intermodal terminal, which is on schedule to be completed by mid–2007.

Source: http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/NEWSV5/storyV5early23.ht m

9. May 23, Associated Press — FAA revokes license of pilot who flew too near White House. The government has revoked the license of the Pennsylvania pilot in charge of the small plane that strayed to within three miles of the White House on May 11, forcing the panicked evacuation of thousands of people from the executive mansion, Capitol and Supreme Court. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said Monday, May 23, that it had issued an emergency revocation of Hayden L. Sheaffer's pilot's license because he "constitutes an unacceptable risk to safety in air commerce." The agency said no action would be taken against Sheaffer's student, who was also in the plane. "This action reflects the seriousness in which we view all restricted airspace violations and, in this case, the level of incursion into restricted airspace," said FAA spokesperson Greg Martin.

Source: <a href="http://www.pennlive.com/newsflash/pa/index.ssf?/base/news-27/1116874767140590.xml&storylist=penn">http://www.pennlive.com/newsflash/pa/index.ssf?/base/news-27/1116874767140590.xml&storylist=penn</a>

10. May 23, NBC — Gas line ruptures near Amtrak station. A spokesperson for the Fairfax County, VA, Fire and Rescue Department said a broken gas line at Lorton and Gunston Cove roads affected Amtrak and Virginia Rail trains for part of the day Monday, May 23. Train traffic in the area had been stopped while crews worked to fix the problem. According to Virginia Rail, all train traffic on the Fredericksburg Line was stopped. The Manassas Line was unaffected.

Source: http://www.nbc4.com/news/4519014/detail.html

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# **Postal and Shipping Sector**

11. May 23, Associated Press — Mail processing plant to add anthrax detection equipment.

The U.S. Postal Service's Kokomo, IN, processing plant will soon be capable of detecting anthrax spores. Kokomo's biohazard detection system will be installed in June. It will collect air samples every hour as mail moves through machinery, testing the airborne particles to look for anthrax DNA. If the potentially deadly bacteria is found, officials would be immediately alerted, the plant evacuated and equipment shut down.

Source: http://www.wthr.com/Global/story.asp?S=3377160

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# **Agriculture Sector**

12. May 19, Illinois Government News Network — Illinois Governor announces new agriculture tracking system. Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Chuck Hartke Thursday, May 19, announced the state is developing new, cutting edge technology to help emergency officials respond more quickly and effectively in the event of an agroterrorist attack. The state is taking initial steps to develop a computer—tracking program that features geographic information systems (GIS) technology to collect and share information on all livestock and other agriculture resources. The GIS project will be developed in two phases. Phase one will collect information and develop a GIS strategic plan for the Illinois Department of Agriculture that will focus on animal health. Phase two will develop the software technology to track animals and other agricultural assets to better prepare, prevent or respond to an agricultural emergency.

Source: <a href="http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?S">http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?S</a> ubjectID=1&RecNum=3976

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## **Food Sector**

**13.** May 23, Agricultural Research Service — Finding the source of Campylobacter. Reducing the pathogenic bacterium Campylobacter on poultry farms and in processing plants begins with finding its sources, one of which is the birds' lungs, Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

scientists report. Researchers the ARS Richard B. Russell Agricultural Research Center in Athens, GA, studied Campylobacter before and after chicken carcasses were scalded to remove feathers. Bacteria can contaminate live chickens during production or transport, or carcasses during scalding. In either case, Campylobacter would contaminate respiratory air sacs and could then contaminate the abdominal cavity. In a commercial processing plant, researchers collected 10 carcasses on each of three days, before and after scalding. They rinsed the entire carcasses and respiratory tracts and took samples for Campylobacter, E. coli, and other bacteria. The results showed the same type of Campylobacter were in the carcass and respiratory tract samples. Also, the number and type of Campylobacter in the respiratory tracts remained the same before and after scalding. This suggests the respiratory tract is an important source of Campylobacter contamination in the interior of the carcass before scalding. The airborne bacteria could be inhaled by the live birds during production or transport, meaning significant levels of the bacteria were already in their respiratory tracts before processing.

Source: http://www.ars.usda.gov/News/docs.htm?docid=1261

#### 14. May 23, Business Journal of Kansas City (MO) — Seaboard Farms to buy Daily's Foods.

Seaboard Farms Inc. has agreed to buy bacon processor Daily's Foods for \$45 million in cash and a 4.74 percent equity interest in Seaboard Farms. Seaboard Farms is a subsidiary of Seaboard Corp. In a filing Friday, May 20, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Seaboard Corp. said the transaction will include Daily's bacon processing plants in Salt Lake City, UT, and Missoula, MT. Seaboard said it expects to complete the transaction by early July. Seaboard Farms will operate the plants under the Daily's brand name as part of its newly created Seaboard Farms Processed Meats Division.

Source: <a href="http://kansascity.bizjournals.com/kansascity/stories/2005/05/23/daily1.html">http://kansascity.bizjournals.com/kansascity/stories/2005/05/23/daily1.html</a>

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## **Water Sector**

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## **Public Health Sector**

15. May 23, Reuters — Suspected bird flu death in Vietnam. Bird flu may have claimed the life of a Vietnamese man in the past week, bringing the country's toll to 18 since the latest outbreak in late December, health officials said on Monday, May 23. A provincial health official told Reuters preliminary tests by the Hanoi-based National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology had confirmed the 46-year-old man from the northern province of Hung Yen died last Thursday, May 18 at a Hanoi hospital from bird flu. The official said that the man was admitted to hospital a week ago with a high fever and coughing. The ministry's record shows a total of 37 Vietnamese have died since the virus came to Asia in late 2003. The disease has also killed 12 Thais and four Cambodians.

Source: http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.ihtml?storyID=8572634&typ e=worldNews

May 23, Associated Press — World Health Organization approves procedures for disease outbreaks. The World Health Organization (WHO) on Monday, May 23, adopted a new set of global health procedures designed to better control outbreaks of dangerous diseases. The new regulations will empower WHO to restrict worldwide travel and commerce to and from affected areas. They'll also allow officials to demand more information from countries in case of an outbreak. The new rules, adopted at the annual meeting of the WHO's key decision—making body, outline the terms under which countries must notify WHO of disease outbreaks — including how quickly and details of the infection. According to the text agreed upon Monday, WHO member states must put the new procedures into national law within two years, unless they raise an objection with the health agency within 18 months. If a country rejects the regulations, it does not have to comply.

WHO resolution: <a href="http://www.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf">http://www.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf</a> files/WHA58/A58 55-en.pdf
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17. May 22, Agence France Presse — Uganda announces Ebola alert. Uganda said it had stepped up surveillance along its border after the Ebola virus claimed nine lives in early May in the Republic of Congo's northwestern border with Gabon. "We have put our district epidemiology surveillance teams on alert to monitor all (western) border entries because the disease has been reported not very far from us," Deputy Health Minister Michael Mukula said. The country's health authorities, neighboring states, and World Health Organization are working together in scrutinizing cross—border activities and screening all entries in order to prevent a possible spread of the virus into Uganda, he said.

Ebola information: <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/spb/mnpages/dispages/ebola.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/spb/mnpages/dispages/ebola.htm</a>
Source: <a href="http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050522/hl">http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050522/hl</a> afp/ugandacongohealt h 050522210717

- 18. May 22, Agence France Presse China orders emergency measures after bird flu found in migratory birds. China has ordered emergency measures to stop the spread of bird flu after discovering some migratory birds had died from the H5N1 virus. The Ministry of Agriculture announced the deaths of migratory birds found in the western province of Qinghai were caused by bird flu, marking the first time the virus has been found in China since 2004. The ministry has asked local governments to prohibit people from entering the habitats of migratory birds and to prevent contact between migratory birds and poultry. Veterinary institutions across China were also asked to determine the species and territory of migratory birds in their regions and to take precautionary measures. The area in Qinghai province hit by the latest case has been quarantined, according to the ministry. The H5N1 strain of bird flu has been discovered in eight countries since late 2003, including Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand.

  Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050522/hl afp/healthchinaflu 0 50522225001
- **19.** May 21, New York Times World Health Organization moves toward allowing smallpox gene experiment. The World Health Organization (WHO) Friday, May 20, moved closer to approving an experiment to manipulate the genes of the smallpox virus for the first time since the disease was eradicated 25 years ago. The experiment, one of several proposals about smallpox that advanced Friday, is intended to speed the development of tests to detect the virus and of drugs that could treat it, officials said. The action was prompted in part by concerns that the virus could be reintroduced to the public, either accidentally or through terrorism. A spokesperson said the agency's governing body approved the experiment "in principle." The

process, he said, would insert a so-called marker gene into the virus that would glow under fluorescent light when the virus was exposed to an ineffective drug. The technique is widely used in virology to aid in rapidly distinguishing between effective and ineffective drugs. The governing body, known as the World Health Assembly, also said it favored the idea of sending small fragments of the smallpox virus to other laboratories to try to develop better diagnostic tests for the virus. The assembly also approved the health agency's work to create a global reserve of 33.5 million doses of vaccine to prevent smallpox if the virus is somehow reintroduced.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2005/05/21/science/21smallpox.html?or ef=login

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## **Government Sector**

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

20. May 23, Lake County Record—Bee (CA) — California firefighters reap benefits of new technology. Volunteer firefighters with the Little Lake Fire Protection District recently acquired 16 "new generation" Kenwood Mobile Radios thanks to a grant from the Mendocino County Indian Gaming Local Benefit Committee. To help offset the loss of funding due to the lack of commercial growth, inflation and state cutbacks, grant opportunities help bolster many local departments by allowing them to upgrade and purchase necessary equipment, Fire Chief Jeff Smith said. "Grants give fire departments the means to provide members with additional training, upgrade protective clothing, and the money to take advantage of technological advances," Smith explained. Little Lake firefighters chose a radio used by many county agencies, including some state agencies. The radio meets current FCC standards for radio communications, has greater channel capacity, and "should provide members of this fire department many years of service," Smith said. Replacing all mobile radios simultaneously means less time will be required for firefighters to familiarize themselves with operating the new equipment, he added.

Source: http://www.record-bee.com/Stories/0,1413,255~33909~2879998,0 0.html

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## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

**21.** *May* 22, *Clarion–Ledger* (*MS*) — **Mississippi State University and state Attorney General planning cybercrime lab.** Mississippi State University's Center for Computer Security is joining forces with the state Attorney General's Office, FBI and Jackson State University to create a cybercrime lab that bridges classroom instruction on the Starkville, MS campus with on–the–job training in Jackson, MS. "We want to set up a computer security training center in Jackson," said Attorney General Jim Hood. "State and local law enforcement officers will get classroom training at Mississippi State University (MSU), then come to Jackson for the

hands—on work." Ray Vaughn, a computer science and engineering professor who heads the MSU center, said anticipated approval of a \$986,643 Department of Justice grant is paving the way for the Jackson crime lab. Addressing the state's shortage of trained computer forensics investigators, particularly at local levels of law enforcement, is a priority of Vaughn's program. Source: <a href="http://www.clarionledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/2005">http://www.clarionledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/2005</a> 0522/NEWS01/505220364/1002

22. May 20, internetnews — Cox broadband service suffers temporary outage. More than two million Cox Communications broadband customers lost their connections Friday, May 20, after the cable operator's Internet backbone went down, a spokesperson for the Atlanta company confirmed. "We're still investigating the root cause of the problem," Bobby Amirshahi, a Cox spokesperson said. In some markets, service was restored in 30 minutes, he said. However, one Cox customer in Orange County, CA, reported that his firm's service had been dark for two hours. Service has now been restored to all customers, Amirshahi said. The company will gather information on what caused the problem. At year's end, Cox claimed 2.6 million cable broadband customers.

Source: http://www.internetnews.com/xSP/article.php/3506886

23. April 22, Government Accountability Office — GAO-05-362: Information Security: Improving Oversight of Access to Federal Systems and Data by Contractors Can Reduce Risk (Report). The Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA) requires agencies to establish information security programs that extend to contractors and other users of federal data and systems. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) was asked to evaluate the information security associated with contractors and users with privileged access to federal data and systems. The administration continues in its efforts to improve information security oversight of contractors, but challenges remain. For example, efforts to update the Federal Acquisition Regulation to address information security have been under way since 2002, but are not complete. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) continues to gather data about the number of agency systems. However, the submitted data showed that several agencies disagreed internally on the number of contractor or agency systems. Finally, federal agencies could benefit from unified guidance for overseeing information security of contractors and privileged users of federal data and systems. GAO recommends that OMB ensure that the Federal Acquisition Regulation aligns with FISMA and that agencies develop contractor oversight policies. GAO also recommends that the Department of Commerce develop unified guidance. OMB and Commerce generally agreed with the results of this report.

Highlights: <a href="http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d05362high.pdf">http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d05362high.pdf</a>
Source: <a href="http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-05-362">http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-05-362</a>

#### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

#### **DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis**

Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.

US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis: US-CERT reports that a new variant of the Sober worm family, Sober.P may spread spread voraciously by virtue of its offer of free World Cup tickets. The payload of this variant is unknown and it may be another form of spam, like Sober.q. Sober.P has a hidden the source code making it more malicious and may cause a denial-of-service attack. Sober.p creates a time stamp like key, then uses that to generate a URL to a server on one of five different hosting services operating in Germany and Austria.

#### **Current Port Attacks**

<b>Top 10</b>	445 (microsoft–ds), 27015 (halflife), 6881 (bittorrent), 1026 (), 135
Target	(epmap), 53 (domain), 6346 (gnutella-svc), 139 (netbios-ssn), 80
	(www), 1025 ()
	Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html; Internet Storm Center

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at <a href="mailto:soc@us-cert.gov">soc@us-cert.gov</a> or visit their Website: <a href="mailto:www.us-cert.gov">www.us-cert.gov</a>.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <a href="https://www.it-isac.org/">https://www.it-isac.org/</a>.

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## Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

24. May 23, KIFI (ID) — Bomb drill helps keep shoppers safe. The Grand Teton Mall in Idaho Falls was trying to teach its staff Sunday, May 22, in an emergency response drill. Mall staff acted like a bomb threat had been called in and then went through the steps they would take if that bomb actually went off. With the help of the Idaho Falls fire department, some people acted like they were victims of the bomb suffering from smoke inhalation and other ailments. Then, after going through the proper procedures, firefighters went inside and brought the people out to safety. In the event of a bomb threat the mall says the first thing it would do is call 911 and evacuate the building. Then they say they would make sure all cell phones are turned off. That's because the frequencies could actually affect the bomb. They say that can make it difficult to communicate, but in this case they used a bullhorn to get everyone's attention. The mall says it's required to hold drills like this once a year, but it already has another one scheduled in the next six months.

Source: http://www.localnews8.com/home/1567391.html

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## **General Sector**

25. May 23, Associated Press — Man accused of trying to sell bomb. A 68-year-old Pennsylvania man was arrested on charges he tried to build a bomb and sell it to an agent he thought was a member of al Qaeda, officials said Monday, May 23. Ronald Allen Grecula of Bangor, PA, was arrested Friday, May 20 in Houston, TX, during a meeting with undercover FBI agents, U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby said. During that meeting, Grecula indicated willingness to build and sell an explosive device that was to be used against Americans, officials alleged in court documents. He has been charged with attempting to provide material

support and resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization, specifically al Qaeda, Source: <a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/05">http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/05</a> /23/AR2005052300820.html

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#### **DHS/IAIP Products & Contact Information**

The Department of Homeland Security's Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP) serves as a national critical infrastructure threat assessment, warning, vulnerability entity. The IAIP provides a range of bulletins and advisories of interest to information system security and professionals and those involved in protecting public and private infrastructures:

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<u>Homeland Security Advisories and Information Bulletins</u> – DHS/IAIP produces two levels of infrastructure warnings. Collectively, these threat warning products will be based on material that is significant, credible, timely, and that addresses cyber and/or infrastructure dimensions with possibly significant impact. Homeland Security Advisories and Information Bulletins are available on the Department of Homeland Security Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=70">http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=70</a>

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